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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Coming soon to Bethel, "It's a Guy Thing". Beginning on the first Sunday in June and following on each first Sunday through September, there will be a time of food and fellowship in the Church Social Room beginning at 9:00 am with guest speakers.

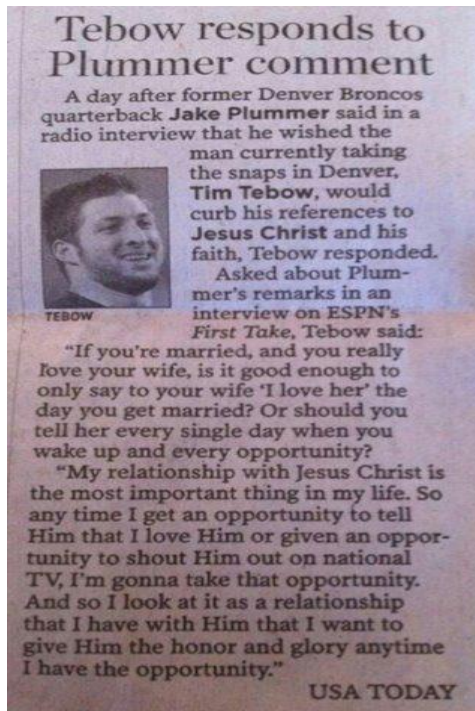
Why? "It's a Guy Thing", will be time when the men of the church, and not just Bethel, can gather together for a time of inspired teaching on the following subjects: priorities, grace, spiritual leadership and servant hood – topics that men of all ages need to understand and be involved in as leaders in their homes and churches. Why the men? Scripture shows us that men are to be the spiritual leaders in their homes, but in today's world that unfortunately is not always the case. Thus, time has been scheduled to help men get back on track in their walk with the Lord.

Ladies, we need your help. Roll your husbands and sons out of bed and get them to this important event beginning 6-2-13, and you will be glad you did. More information to follow in the Chimes and the weekly bulletin. Guys don't miss this opportunity to grow in your walk with the Lord. See you there.

In His Service
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH CORNER

I had written a Chime's article, and then read this article and decided that this needed to be shared, enjoy!!



Click LIKE or SHARE if you agree!

God Bless,
Shayne Spurgeon
Youth Minister

MISSIONS

A trunk load of pre-assembled kits and items for the various disaster kits for the “Helping His Hands Disaster Response” team was delivered to VU the middle of April. We were also able to present a large amount of vitamins to Victoria Brocksmith during the worship service on April 14th to take along on her mission trip to Guatemala the middle of May. Please remember to keep her in your prayers. Thank you, Bethel, for your generosity in supporting both of these worthy causes.

Beginning in May, and in conjunction with the famous Indy 500, we will start our own “Bethel 500”. Our goal will be 100 items donated each month for five consecutive months to the North Knox Social Ministries. Watch your bulletin for the collection item for May.

Last, but definitely not least.....**REMINDER.....JUNE 2ND**
.....the first of four series of “It’s A Guy Thing”. Men, mark your calendars and watch the mail for more information!!! You don’t want to miss it!!!

PRESCHOOL

I can hardly believe I am once again writing the newsletter for the last month of preschool! Another preschool year has simply flown by in what seems to be the blink of an eye. But, it has been a wonderful year full of laughter and learning as Miss Trudy and I made lots of fun memories with a terrific bunch of kids. J It is hard to believe that in a few short months the children will be off to their first day of kindergarten! We have had so much fun getting ready for kindergarten but, more importantly, learning more about Jesus and the wonderful love He has for us.

In April, we learned about the letter W. The children loved the stories we read about Jonah and the whale. We read several different books and we seemed to learn something new to the story in each one! We made a fun craft with Jonah in the belly of the whale to display in the preschool hallway. They turned out so cute –

it is so much fun seeing them become such independent workers!! We also learned about the letter B and had a fun day with balloons. We learned that an empty balloon represents us - on our own without God inside our hearts – all floppy and flat. We decided we could try to fill the balloon up with our own air – by telling others how good we were and trying to improve ourselves all on our own. But, then we decided that the things we are able to do on our own can never ever compare to what God can do. Hard as we try we can never lead a life that would honor and please God on our own. We decided the best thing we could do with a puffed up balloon would be to let it go and, boy, were we glad we did! That balloon flew off in all kinds of different directions being filled with only what we had to give. Then we brought out a balloon filled with helium to represent God. Oh my! That balloon was much better in so many ways! It was definitely more beautiful than the deflated empty balloon that represented us. It was more powerful and could even fly without wind – it could definitely go higher than we could ever go! We decided the helium in the balloon was kind of like having Jesus in our hearts – when our life is filled with God’s power and God’s strength we can do so much more than we ever could on our own! I feel so blessed to be able to share God’s love with each one of Bethel’s preschoolers and also to receive it in return. Each one of them blesses me as I see God’s light shining through them!

Earth Day is coming up and we are looking forward to having Michelle Smith from the Knox County Solid Waste Department come in and talk to us about the importance of taking care of the Earth. It is always a fun day. J We are also very excited about our upcoming day with the Women’s Guild and Quilters as we spend a day with them during Q week!! I am so grateful to have so many women who are willing to share their knowledge and love with our preschoolers.

We have also been getting ready for Mother’s Day Tea and Graduation as both days are fast approaching. The children are working on songs and learning their memory verses. I am excited for them and humbled to be able to play a small part in the life of each one of them. I know God has great and wonderful things planned for each of them and just like we learned at preschool - with

God, like the helium in the balloon, we too can go far ... doing things that God will give us the power to do just like Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Much love,
Mrs. Hammelman

It is spring and we are happy to have been able to get out side with our sidewalk chalk, bubbles, parachute or just to take a walk. We are blessed and thankful for everything God has given us.

We enjoyed our Spring break week, while some of us went on vacation; others stayed home and just watched tv or hung out. Many were ready to come back and get into our routine, while a couple were wishing for a few more days not in school.

We finished the month of March off talking about Easter and how it is really sad that Jesus knowingly died for all of us, but how we celebrate that Jesus Lives. We rejoice that the tomb was empty. We had many good prayers, discussions and stories with crafts to help us retell the Easter meaning. One of my favorite stories is the book "New Life in Jesus" which talked about the caterpillar and how he looked like he would die when he was in the cocoon, but then he becomes transformed in a beautiful butterfly--just like Jesus gives us new life. The kids did great assembling their butterfly decorations to we can tell others that "My Jesus is alive!"

Letter x was all about Jesus x-raying our heart to see us showing love to others and if he x-rayed our hands he would see us helping others. We decided that would make Him smile big. We also read "The Crayon Box that Talked" and how the different colors didn't get along or like each other, until they figured out if they worked together and got a long then the world is a much better place. That is just like all of us and how God wants us to love every one and always work toward the same goal of making the world a brighter place.

Letter Y was next and we know we are almost to the end of the alphabet and then one little boy says, what will we do we finish the next letter. I told them we would keep busy for a few more weeks and then preschool would be over for this year and we would enjoy our summer. Maybe we better start the letters over so we can make it last longer was his response. Love them!! Letter Y is all about saying yes to Jesus!! We got to practice cutting skills and make the letter y then glue it to yellow paper. We then came up with things to make out of yarn. The kids were very creative as they made a house, a hippo, or a dog. With some imagination, we could tell what everything was supposed to be. They are all so fun and cute with their creativity.

We read "The Grouchy Ladybug" where nothing made the ladybug happy and she thought she was better than all the other animals. By the end of our book, the lady bug was happy and very polite using her good manners-- something we try to do everyday. We learned that God doesn't want us to be grouchy, but to enjoy life and make the most of every day, because everyday ends in Y. After we had painted a paper plate red and were ready to add dots and eyes, one little boy informed the class "it was about to get buggy in our room when we finished our lady bug because they (lady) end in y too." Sounded funny to some, but made sense to him.

We look forward to finishing our letters and learning more about God in our few short weeks we have left. We are also looking forward to playing in the ark soon as the kids have asked several times when we are going across the street to play, since it has warmed up and the sun has been shining more. We pray for Mr. Tom (Houghland) and Mr. Jim (Strange) as they both are recovering from surgery at the time this chimes news comes out. "Love is a circle..the more you give..the more you get." This is so true with God's love and kid's love.

Mrs. Durall

Confirmation Reunion

March 24, 2013

This is a time we reflect back to our confirmation and what being a member of Bethel is all about. All Bethel confirmands are recognized along with those who joined Bethel by letter of transfer or by Confession or Affirmation of Faith, honoring the classes of 1938, 1963, 1988.

1938 Confirmation Class

Minister: Rev. Daniel Bierbaum

Song: "I Would Be Like Jesus"

Mildred Brocksmith*	Ruth Schuckman Johanningsmeier
Marion Grotefeld*	Donald Ray Buckthal
Mary Hagemeyer Powell	Paul Burton Horst*
Laura Wynema Hankins Murphy	Irvin Henry Pieper
Ada Wynoma Hankins Draime*	Herman Richter, Jr.*
Mary Elizabeth Held*	Donald Ray Snyder*
Doris Maxine Horst*	Wendell Stoelting

1963 Confirmation Class

Minister: Rev. George W. Varns

Song: "Take Time To Be Holy"

Carla Brocksmith	Cheryl Kixmiller Carrithers
Margaret Hagemeyer Woody	William Earl Schroeder
Steve Horst	William John Telligman
Steven Ray Vertrees	

1988 Confirmation Class
Minister: Pastor Herb Schafale
Song: "Jesus Loves Even Me"

Brian William Chatten
Jeffrey Louis Courter
Malcolm Edward Dubbs III
Robert Andrew French
Travis Wayne Kahre
Joseph Michael Koenig

Samuel Burton Miller
Tracy Ryan Perry
Kiley Jo Phillips Koenig
Alma Marie Sandefur Kramer
Derek Norwood Thomas
Craig Ryan Volle

Confirmation Class of 2013
Minister: Pastor Mike DeCoursey
Song: "I Love You, Lord"

Ashley Rebecca Durall

Ian Kirk Maddox
Jesse Allen Organ

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2013

April/May (Spring) – Mustard Seed

June – Bible School

July/August – Christian Generations

September/October/November (Fall) – Choir

December – (Christmas) – Mission Committee

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Anna Mae Koenig:

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ader & family

Mrs. Doris Brocksmith

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Clinkenbeard

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Finke

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kahre

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kixmiller

Mr. and Mrs. John Koenig

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loheider

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller

Mrs. Mary Ann Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Resler

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Sargent

Mr. and Mrs. John Spanger

Mrs. Dorothy Spanger

Ms. Jillian Spears

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tiek

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tilly

Mr. and Mrs. Don Villwock

Organ Fund:

Mrs. Gertrude Hagemeier

Thank You's

Thank you, Bethel Family, for your prayers, cards, and words of kindness during the recent passing of our Grandma Isenberg. It is nice to be part of such a caring and kind church family.

Love in Christ,
Clint Beth, Hallie, and Ashley Durall

We would like to thank our loving church family for the many acts of kindness and support we received during the loss of our mother & mother-in-law, Anna Mae Koenig. Your prayers, cards, visits, food and support have eased our heart ache, and reminded us of the wondrous effects of Christ's love in action through his believers.

Thank you all so very much.

Joe & Virginia Koenig & Family

Thank you for words your support thoughts, prayers and cards during my confirmation. Your encouragement and words of kindness mean a lot to me. Thanks to Pastor Mike for his devotion and time during confirmation classes. Thanks to Uncle for being my mentor. I learned a lot and I am happy to finally be a part of Bethel Church.

Love,
Ashley R Durall

A big thank you to my church family for your prayers during my confirmation years. Thanks for the gifts and thoughtful cards on my special day.

God Bless you,
Jesse Organ

GUILD

On May 1st, Guild members will meet for an all day meeting to help Mrs. Hammelman and her students with Quilt Day. Last year, the preschoolers enjoyed the time with us learning about quilts, and seeing how we quilt.

Our hostesses will be Nancy Tilly, Sharon Kahre, Reda Boberg and Beverly Schuckman. Come and enjoy the day.

Don't forget to bring bar soap for North Knox Social Ministries and also cookies for KCARC.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Sunday School News

Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, and he will give them showers of rain, to everyone the vegetation in the field. Zechariah 10:1

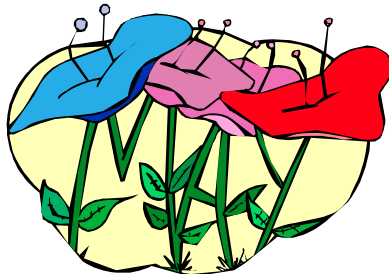
Let us give thanks for all that our heavenly father has provided. Truly we are blessed to be his children!

"Oh Happy Day" to all of my church family! The sun is shining right now as I write this letter and I am so thankful for his beauty. As you read this it could be 25 degrees or 80 degrees, most likely somewhere in between. Let us give thanks for whatever the weather may be and that we have an opportunity to make this day and the ones to follow pleasing to our father in heaven!

Thanks to all that volunteered this past month in the skit that Terri Miller presented. It sometimes helps to put faces to the men and women of the Bible and bring out a little of what they were like. Thanks also to Terri and her family for getting all the costumes prepared! Her passion for the bible is just amazing! Thanks also to Edith and Edna Rinsch for being so loyal to Bethel Church, I and everyone else truly appreciate your musical talents.

Don't forget to stop and smell the roses.....or at least slow down a little bit and catch a glimpse!

Randy Hammelman
Sunday School Supt.



Bethel Church Council Minutes

April 8, 2013

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Shayne reported that **Kids For Christ** is going well and has grown in size; on April 27th they will be going to the Creation Museum in Kentucky. The recent High School Youth trip to St. Louis was a great trip, and one student accepted Christ during a service they attended. He also shared that their youth work day went well. He is in the process of organizing VBS, which will be held June 3-8 with the theme "Kingdom Rock." The youth will be participating in a walkathon in Evansville to help support awareness of mitochondrial disease on May 4th. The youth are planning a bake/cookie mix sale in the near future and will be participating in a Day of Prayer (May 18-19) at Indian Creek Camp where they will also help prepare the camp grounds for the camping season. He is beginning a six week Bible Study for the middle and high school groups entitled "Live the Word."

Pastor Mike's Report: Pastor Mike's report included preparing and conducting the various services during the Lent and Easter season, conducting a funeral, a baptism, and a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, hospital visits, home visits with the elders, new member meetings, and counseling sessions. He is planning an evening event on May 2nd, the National Day of Prayer.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were made: Indian Creek Camp, \$600; Knox Co. Habitat for Humanity, \$500; NK Social Ministries, \$500; Nurse's Fund, \$500, and Missionaries (for Victoria Brocksmith to take on her mission trip in May), \$500.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for March was 172, and the offering was \$20,099.41. March income included: Atlas Gas, \$630.68; Women's Guild (for the kitchen

floor), \$1,000.00; Interest Income, \$690.40; Preschool, \$3,670.39; Brocksmith Mission Interest, \$220.80; Lenten Offering, \$788.00; Youth Pastor, \$50.00; Memorials, \$670.00; Cemetery Fund, \$509.21; Cemetery Plots, \$200.00; Organ Fund, \$10.00; and Chimes Fund, \$10.00.

Building and Grounds: Gord Clinkenbeard reported that there is a leak in a kitchen sink, and he will see that it is repaired. It was also reported that there are two flood lights above the choir loft that need to be replaced.

Elder's Report: An April visitation schedule for the elders and Pastor Mike has been completed. The Special Gifts Committee will be asked to investigate purchasing new white paraments.

Old Business: Bids for replacing the exterior doors in Bethel Hall and in the basement near the ramp and for replacing the remaining original windows in the education building are being sought in hopes that the project plans can be finalized at the May council meeting. A work day in June will be scheduled at the next meeting. Pastor Mike shared that there has been supportive response from some area churches when a letter was sent to see if they are interested in participating in the Journey to Jerusalem in 2014. Bill Resler will form a committee to follow up on the previously planned purchase of a projector and screen for the sanctuary.

New Business: It was shared that our grounds keeper, Jim Strange, will be having surgery, and mowing assistance during his absence is being planned. It was moved by Garland Richter, seconded by Bill Resler, and passed to purchase gel mats to be placed in work areas in the kitchen. A bid of \$1,900 was presented to replace the covering on the front and Bethel Hall steps with a composite material. The motion was made by Mary Ann Miller, seconded by Gord Clinkenbeard, and passed to proceed with this project.

Coming Events:

April 14 – Missions Committee

April 21 – Donations for Doughnuts

April 27 – KFC trip to the Creation Museum

May 2 – National Day of Prayer

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Johnny was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning son."

"Good morning pastor" replied the young man, focused on the plaque.

"Sir, what is this?" Johnny asked.

"Well son, these are all the people who have died in the service," replied the pastor. Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Johnny's voice barely broke the silence when he asked quietly, "Which one sir, the 8:30 or the 10:30 service?"

----- Author Unknown

Bethel Church Treasurer's Report 1/1/2013 through 3/31/2013

Income:

Offering	\$47,963.03	Pastor Travel	\$ 441.38
Preschool	11,011.17	Van Expense	354.20
Interest	5,445.85	Misc. Expense	322.24
Cemetery	2,093.52	Sub. Pastor	300.00
Atlas Gas	1,647.52	Waste Exp.	287.10
Mission	1,467.00	Choir	281.08
Memorial	390.00	Water	217.38
Bethel Youth	160.00	Sub. Music	125.00
Rental	50.00	Pastor Training	105.67
Organ Repair	10.00	One Call	44.87
TOTAL	\$70,328.09	Books & Lit.	11.97
		TOTAL	\$84,111.55

Expenses:

Mission	\$15,824.71
Pastor	14,611.90
Employee withholding	7,805.44
Youth Pastor	7,268.86
Maint. & Repair	4,894.85
Preschool teacher (M/W/F)	3,649.89
Preschool teacher (T/TH)	3,235.61
Insurance	2,806.75
Secretary	2,679.26
Gas	2,632.85
Custodian	2,465.05
Groundskeeper	2,316.50
Electricity	2,285.62
Music Director	2,123.30
Office Supplies	1,421.36
Preschool Aide	1,156.86
Telephone	1,032.85
Pest Control	817.00
Strate Expense	800.00
Youth Pastor Training	800.00
Sub. Custodian	510.00
Postage	482.00

Transfers:

Bldg. Fund	25.00
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Parish Records:

Attendance:

March 24 181
March 31 275
April 7 136
April 14 163

Greeters:

May 5 – Steve & Debbie Telligman
May 12 & 19 – Mike & Pam Loheider
May 26 & June 2 – Garland & Lisa Richter

Ushers: Collin and Amy Tiek

Nursery (Sunday School):

May 5 Lana Dike/Jo Anne Brocksmith
 12 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Kate Hammelman
 19 Krista Telligman/Nancy Rinsch
 26 Diane Telligman/Holly Spanger

Nursery Notes (Worship):

May 5 Stacy Page/Debbie Telligman
 12 Hallie Durall/Virgina Koenig
 19 Cally Miller/Jesse Organ
 26 Emily Pirtle/Rylee Hammelman

Children's Church:

May 5 Bonnie Organ/Hallie Durall/Jesse Organ
 12 Lenora McCrary/Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg
 19 Jo Anne Brocksmith/Amber Spurgeon
 26 Dale Tiek/Nancy Tilly

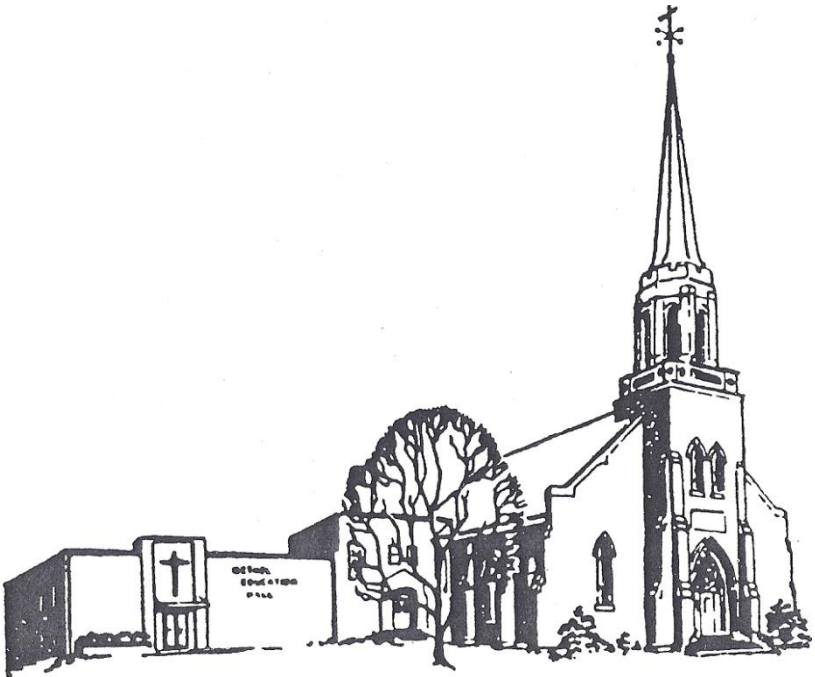
May birthdays:

3 Earl Linneweber (85th)
8 Helen Harbin (87th)
15 Mary Deerhake (81st)
22 Dick Finke (91st)
24 Bob Jones (88th)
26 Ruth Richter (90th)

Chimes news will be due on May 20th.

May 2013

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